

## The Tompkins County Youth Services Department Provides:

- ★ Advocacy for the young people of Tompkins County
- ★ Coordination of youth services among various entities
- ★ Contract management and funding opportunities
- ★ Needs assessment and planning for youth
- ★ Publications for youth, parents and youth workers
- ★ Research & data collection
- ★ Resources for youth serving agencies and organizations
- ★ Support to municipal youth programs
- ★ Training & technical assistance

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### Our Mission

The Tompkins County Youth Services Department invests time, resources, and funding in communities to enable all youth to thrive in school, work, and life.

### Our Vision

Tompkins County is a community where all youth are given opportunities which allow them to thrive from childhood to adulthood.

### Our Core Values

**Vision:** Seeing the bigger picture and planning for the future

**Empowerment:** Helping others to achieve their own success

**Innovation:** Continually searching for new approaches

**Integrity:** Commitment to honest and fair communications and interactions

**Stewardship:** Proper management of resources entrusted to our care

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## Supporting youth and families of Tompkins County for over 35 years!

The Tompkins County Youth Services Department is a department of the County charged with providing communities the support they need for their young people to have the opportunity to thrive. This is done through the support of resources for community organizations, businesses, families, and local municipalities. We provide training opportunities, funding, programming support, monitoring, technical assistance, community resource listings, advocacy for youth and education.

The Youth Services Department works with a wide array of partners to meet the needs of youth from throughout the County.

### Resources for Community Agencies

The Youth Services Board, a volunteer board, advises and recommends to the County Legislature the allocation of State and County Funding . Funding is awarded to community organizations based on the needs of our community. TCYSD also provides training, technical assistance, monitoring services, planning services, outcomes tracking and other support to youth serving community agencies and school districts.

### Resources for Municipalities

Supporting local planning entities such as Youth Commissions and Community Councils the Municipal Youth Services System of TCYSD provides local youth development services to all youth within Tompkins County. Additionally, staff from TCYSD provide support to the Recreation Partnership. In partnership with various service providers and planning groups, TCYSD finds ways to effectively meet the youth development and recreation needs of each community.

### Resources for Individuals

TCYSD provides resources for individuals to connect with programs and services. These resources include an annual summer camp guide, a teen guide for youth services, town and county profiles, youth needs assessments and much more.

The Continuum of Care Triangle shows our analysis of care for youth within Tompkins County. Services at the upper levels of the triangle are more intensive, are used by fewer young people, and are more costly. A majority of TCYSD agency and community funding goes to support services within the lower areas of the Care Triangle while planning and research services support all areas of the Care Triangle.

